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IV. GOVERNMENT MOTION.

CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I suggest that the consideration of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill, 1963, may be taken up first so that there may be continuous speech on the Supplementary Demands.

Accordingly, under Rule 21 (3) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I move—

“ That the consideration of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill, 1963, be taken up first before the discussion on the Demands for Grants for Further Expenditure for the year 1962-63 is taken up.”

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

“ That the consideration of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill, 1963, be taken up first before the discussion on the Demands for Grants for Further Expenditure for the year 1962-63, is taken up.”

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

THE MADRAS ESSENTIAL ARTICLES CONTROL AND REQUISITIONING (TEMPORARY POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1963 (L.A. BILL No. 1 OF 1963).

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

“ That the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill, 1963 * (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1963) be taken into consideration.”

The Bill seeks to replace the Madras Ordinance No. 1 of 1963 which was promulgated by the Governor on the 24th January 1963, for extending the life of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Act, 1949, which was due to expire on the 25th January 1963, for a further period of three years, that is, up to and inclusive of the 25th January 1966.

With a view to conserve electrical energy for utilisation for productive purposes connected with war efforts, the Restriction and Control Orders on the supply of electrical energy were first introduced by the Government of India during the last world war under the Defence of India Rules. After the termination of the war, the Restriction and Control, Freezing, Surcharge, etc., Orders relating to electricity have been continued in the State under the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Act, 1949, the life of which has been extended from time to time. Though the installed capacity of the Madras Grid has increased

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